

BOSTON CROWDED FOR ID PARADE

Thousands Fill Up City For Great Celebration—Weather Ideal For Marchers—Cheering Throongs Line Route of Heroes.

Boston, April 25—"The Yanks are coming" was the cry that awoke Boston today. For a week the town had been filling up with official parties from all New England and with other thousands who took no chance of missing the parade of the 26th Division, because of delayed trains or last minute upsets. When the first spectators moved toward the line of march this morning they found that a rainy night had turned into a cold, clear day which was ideal for the marching men.

At daylight special trains began unloading at the north and south stations, and every electric car line brought its thousands in ever-increasing numbers as the hour of the parade approached.

The first special train to reach the city came into the South Station at 5:40, bringing about 700 persons from New Haven. An hour later the first of four specials from Providence arrived, and from that time on trains from New Bedford, Worcester, Springfield and from Bridgeport, Waterbury, and Wallingford, Conn., drew in at frequent intervals, all loaded to capacity.

Similar activity was apparent at the North Station. Early trains from Maine and New Hampshire came in with many extra cars attached. Everywhere along the line of march the Stars and Stripes and the colors of the Allied nations snapped in the brisk wind.

The parade route led through Beacon street and past the State House, where representatives of all the New England states were assembled for the first official greeting. Governor Coughlin had a stand at the main gateway under the gilded dome and with him were Governors Clement of Vermont, Bartlett of New Hampshire, Beakman of Rhode Island, Milliken of Maine, and Holcomb of Connecticut, each accompanied by his staff.

Another stand was occupied by state officials, and representatives of the army and navy, including Major Bonedict Crowell, acting secretary of war.

Along the west side of Commonwealth avenue each of the New England states had special stands filled with official and unofficial parties.

Massachusetts mayors and other officials and relatives and friends of the "Y. D." occupied stands on the avenue from Arlington to Dartmouth streets.

The Green Mountain cheerers were located between Dartmouth and Essex. Adjutant General Herbert T. Johnson, Mayor Jackson of Burlington, and delegations from Brattleboro, Springfield, Northampton, and a host of other Vermonters were some of the Vermonters.

Loan Total Now \$1,500,000; Aeroplanes May Come Here

With subscriptions totalling \$330,000 reported this morning, bringing the Victory Loan total for Bridgeport to \$1,500,000, everything looked bright and rosy to the committee, the only fault they having found to date being the lack of enthusiasm among the general public. Four Minute Men and other campaign talkers are doing their utmost to impress the people with the idea that the present loan is just as much of a patriotic duty as the first, and in addition is the best investment ever put on the market. Bridgeporters are asked to give their full consideration to the drive, it being the opinion of the committee that everyone who will think of his duty, the benefit done to themselves and their country, will find some means to purchase a bond.

Today's reports were headed by subscriptions of \$100,000 each from the Locomobile Company of America, and the Bridgeport Savings Bank. Other large subscriptions were as follows: Sumner Simpson, for the Raybestos Company, \$50,000; Standard Oil Company, \$50,000; Connecticut Breweries, \$25,000; Acme Shear Company, \$20,000; Peter W. Wrenn, \$20,000; Employees of Raybestos Co., first report, \$14,900. Lynn W. Wilson addressed an enthusiastic crowd in front of the Victory Loan hut on City Hall green this noon, explaining the purpose of the bonds, the necessity to purchase, and the benefit derived from holding them.

One of the features of the day was the arrival in this city of Lynn, Mass., "Phy Your Debt Courier," Mike

Charge Erickson With Non-Support

Declaring now that the war is over and that he is no longer subject to draft, Pere Erickson of 80 Prospect street, says that he will now take life easy. When war was declared he came to this city from Providence and obtained employment in a local munition factory so that he might claim exemption from military duty on the grounds of being essentially necessary to industry.

His wife and child followed Erickson to Bridgeport and had no complaint to make against him during the war. Now, however, Erickson refuses to support his family. Mrs. Erickson had a warrant issued against her husband yesterday and the city court this morning ordered him to pay his family \$10 a week under bond of \$200. In default of the order Erickson will go to jail for three months.

Winsted, April 25—A freeze with temperatures ranging from 23 to 18 degrees prevailed last night throughout the Litchfield county hills and at 9 o'clock this morning the mercury had risen but slightly. There were also snow flurries. As little planting had been done the cold spell probably has done little damage. Fruit trees which are in bud and leaf are not hurt.

DR. STRANG WAS CRUEL TO WIFE

Court Accepts Report of Committee Favoring Divorce for Better Half.

On the ground that her husband had been guilty of intolerable cruelty, Mary E. Strang of Fairfield was granted a divorce from Dr. Robert H. W. Strang today when Judge Curtis of the superior court accepted the report of the committee which heard testimony in the case. The committee found that Dr. Strang has property valued at \$12,000 and he is ordered to pay his wife alimony of \$2,500.

The wife is granted the custody of two minor children, Marjorie, aged six, and Clinton W., aged four. Dr. Strang is ordered to pay \$250 a year for the support of each child until the age of 12 is reached; \$400 a year until the age of 14; \$625 a year until 18, and \$500 until 21.

The couple were married June 1, 1909. Mrs. Strang's maiden name having been Mary Dunlop. The cruelty took place between January 1, 1914, and March 18, 1915, the committee found. Dr. Strang is one of the best known dentists in Fairfield county.

He was represented at the hearing by Attorney C. S. Canfield. Judge Carl Foster was counsel for Mrs. Strang.

FLATLY REFUSE TO GRANT DEMANDS

Phone Operators to Meet Monday to Vote on Strike Question.

The officers of the Southern New England Telephone Co., who were in conference with committees of the operators at New Haven yesterday, positively refused to re-instate the discharged operators and also positively refused to accede to the scale of wages and hours of labor requested by the operators. The company officials said they were trying to work out a scheme of wages and hours of labor which they expected to have ready by Monday.

Miss Teresa Sullivan, the representative of the National Telephone Operators' union, who was at the conference, went to Boston this morning and will return Monday with Miss Julia O'Connor, National President of the Operators' union and they will be present at the Monday night meeting of the local union when the question of ordering a strike will be settled.

MISS POWE TO WED EDWIN HOYT

A very informal but charming wedding will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Powe, Seaview avenue, when their daughter, Miss Louise Powe, will become the bride of Edwin Hoyt of New Canaan. Invitations were sent out by telephone yesterday to friends of the younger people and relatives. Rev. Stephen Fish Sherman, rector of St. John's church, will officiate at the ceremony. Miss Powe will wear a simple white satin gown and veil and will carry a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. Her bridesmaids include Miss Mary Johnston of St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Jeanne Kahle of Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Irene Davis and Miss Marjorie DeLoes of this city. They will wear colored organdie frocks with large picture hats to match. Mr. Hoyt will have as his best man, Jack Mulliken of Chicago.

The bride is a graduate of Rosemary Hall, Greenwich, and is now a sophomore at Smith college. She will return to resume her studies at the college immediately after the wedding. Mr. Hoyt is a graduate of Hotchkiss school and a former student at Yale. He has been recently discharged from the United States service where he served as a first lieutenant. He will leave for Italy on May 3 to go into business at Rome. His bride will join him later in the fall.

Many attractive parties have been arranged for the bride by a number of her friends in this city where she is one of the most popular members among the younger social set.

WHY PAGE RESIGNED. Rome, April 25—The Italia says that because he was acquainted with President Wilson's views on the Italian claims, Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Rome, offered his resignation.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 25—The Rutgers tennis team played its 1919 schedule on Saturday against Columbia at New Brunswick. Although Rutgers lost to Columbia last year, it is expected here that the match will be much closer this year. Captain Macwatty of the Scarlet men has four veterans of last year's team, and the presence of William Boocock in college has materially strengthened this season's squad.

The gilet or waistcoat is being brought out in such a variety of materials that it will suit almost every taste. Plain and dotted are much favored in guimpes and flat collars.

Finish the **BUY** Victory Bonds **JOB**

GERMAN COURIERS ARRIVE

Paris, April 25—German official couriers, in advance of the German delegation to the Peace Conference, arrived at Versailles today.

The Germans travelled by special train from Creil, near Compiègne. They were received at Versailles by Colonel Henry and other French officials and taken to the Hotel Des Reservoirs, which has been assigned to the German delegation.

BRENNAN GIVES PLACE TO SWAIN

Feels Duty to Step Out of Position Held By Soldier.

Daniel Brennan, who succeeded Richard Swain as clerk of the City Court when the latter entered the military service in December, 1917, has magnanimously resigned his position in favor of the returned soldier. At the time they joined the colors, Brennan and Swain should be given their old berths if a better one cannot be obtained for them.

Mr. Brennan is to be congratulated for his attitude in the matter. He has made a good City Court clerk. His smiling countenance and genial manner will be missed by all attaches at headquarters.

"HAIL COLUMBIA."

While Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" is now recognized as the national anthem of the United States, there are those who prefer the sturdy American spirit which breathes in the first of the republic's great patriotic songs, Joseph Hopkinson's "Hail, Columbia." The latter was composed in 1798, sixteen years before "The Star Spangled Banner" and it was considered the national anthem for years after Key's song was written.

"Hail, Columbia" was first sung in public at a benefit given at the Chestnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia for a young actor and singer named Fox. This affair was staged on April 25, 1798, just 121 years ago today. Joseph Hopkinson, the author, was a Philadelphia lawyer, the son of Francis Hopkinson, also a distinguished lawyer and jurist. The father had gained fame as a poet by writing "The Battle of the Clouds," and the son inherited his poetic gift. Fox, the actor, was a friend of young Hopkinson, and he appealed to him to write a song to be sung by Fox at his benefit. Answering to this appeal, Mr. Hopkinson wrote "Hail, Columbia." It was received with great enthusiasm, and soon spread over the whole country. The air was that of the "President's March," then very popular.

In an account of the song, the author wrote that it was composed at a time "when war with France was thought inevitable. Congress being then in session in Philadelphia deliberating upon that important subject, and the sense of hostility having actually occurred. The contest between England and France was raging, and the people of the United States were divided into parties for one side or the other, some thinking that the policy and duty required us to take part with republican France, as she was called 'the land of the free' and 'the home of the brave' and some, on the other hand, believing that she was the great preservative power of good principles and safe government. The prospect of a rupture with France was exceedingly offensive to the portion of the people who espoused her cause, and the violence of the spirit of party has never risen higher. I think not so high, as it did at that time on that question."

STATE GIRLS TO HOLD CONVENTION

Delegates from each of the fourteen girls' clubs located in different Connecticut cities will meet at Waterbury for a two-day convention tomorrow and Monday.

The convention will be held in Leavenworth hall. The Waterbury Girls' club, which has 400 members and a splendid big club house, will entertain the delegates. Miss Lida V. Curtis, state organizing secretary, has charge of plans for the convention. She looks for an enthusiastic group of delegates who will organize the state league with dispatch. Among those interested in the state league are Mrs. Julius Maib, Miss Alice Kingsbury, Mrs. Karl Winter and Mrs. John Goss of Waterbury.

The Connecticut league will be federated in the National League of Women Workers with the six State leagues already included. The State league will have a headquarters at which girls may spend their summer holidays at small expense. They plan hikes and entertainments and maintain a bureau of advice and information on all club activities. The state leagues also employ a staff of secretaries to start clubs in new communities.

The National League of Women Workers holds a biennial convention in different cities. It publishes a monthly magazine, The Club Worker, and employs a national staff of organizing secretaries to form clubs in additional states. The National League is one of four important organizations working for recreation for girls in America. The national president is Mrs. Bernard E. Pollak of New York. Headquarters are at 35 East 30th street, New York.

Pongees have taken a new lease of activity of late. Demand has increased, with rather more call for the natural than any other. Some white is wanted, but natural is by far the most wanted.

ITALY'S SLOGAN FUME OR DEATH

ODD FELLOWS IN BIG CELEBRATION

Lieut. Gov. Wilson Will Speak on Behalf of State.

Hartford, April 25—This city is the center of attraction for Connecticut Odd Fellows today and the dates marking the centennial of the order of Odd Fellowship in the United States. Washington Lodge No. 1 was organized in Baltimore April 26, 1819. The first lodge in Connecticut was Quinnipiac No. 1 of New Haven instituted September 3, 1839. Charter Oak No. 2 of Hartford was instituted April 30, 1849.

For months the half dozen Hartford lodges and other affiliated organizations have been working on plans to entertain Odd Fellows of other Connecticut towns and cities for the Centennial exercises. Visitors began arriving in the city by the hundreds today. Late this afternoon there will be a dinner for officers of high degree and distinguished visitors at one of the hotels.

This evening the formal centennial program will be given at Parsons' theatre. Prayer is to be offered by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Chas. H. Smith of Barre, Mass.; Mayor Richard J. Kinsell is to extend the welcome. Lieutenant Governor Clifford B. Wilson of Bridgeport will speak for the state, and Grand Master Harry Hirsch of New London will respond on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Past Grand Sirs Alfred S. Pinkerton of Boston, representing the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will make the principal address. The state parade will be held Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:30. The local committee expects between 8,000 and 10,000 in line, including Rebekahs and 15 bands and a half dozen drum corps. Luncheon will be served to the marchers at the state armory. Several hundred women were engaged there today putting up 5,500 lunches. The city streets are blossoming with colors in honor of the celebration.

NOT TO RETURN TO BLACK BREAD

White Bread Here Despite the Conditions in Europe.

Paris, April 25—An increase in the milling percentage, which will virtually put the world back to a war bread basis for the next three months is part of the program adopted by the supreme food council under the chairmanship of Herbert C. Hoover.

The program also includes a complete plan for securing and distributing food to Allied, liberated, neutral and enemy countries until the next harvest. One objection of the program is to determine the available food supply and so distribute shipping as not to put undue pressure on any one market.

New York, April 25—Americans will continue to eat "white bread," restored late last year after months of milling on a "Victory Flour" basis, despite the return of European countries to a war bread basis announced by the Supreme Food Council, Julius H. Barnes, president of the food administration grain corporation and federal wheat director, said today.

A survey of wheat stocks, Mr. Barnes said, had convinced his department that this American supply was sufficient not only to warrant continued production of all wheat flour but to meet the export demand until the next harvest.

EIGHT APPEALS FROM TAXATION

DeVer H. Warner, Laura F. Staples and Batchellor Co. Among Those Dissatisfied.

Eight appeals from tax assessments levied by the city of Bridgeport were filed in the Superior court today. DeVer H. Warner, as trustee for Laura F. Staples and Batchellor Co., has appealed from the tax on the valuation placed on Main street property adjoining the Connecticut National bank building. He filed the valuation as \$42,500 and Tax Commissioner Connor increased it to \$56,336.

Other appeals were: Laura F. Staples, property on East Main street, city valuation, \$12,250; owner's figures, \$8,900; Valvoline Oil Co., property on Seaview avenue, city's valuation, \$20,000, company's list \$14,500; Frost Publishing Co., property on Cannon street, city's figures \$266,909; company's valuation \$126,864; George C. Batchellor & Co., property on Railroad avenue, company's valuation, \$157,540; city's figures, \$63,567; trustees for the Allan W. Paige estate at Park avenue and Park place city figure \$44,510; trustees' valuation, \$30,000; Louise L. Sallor and Susan E. Sallor, property on John street and Cannon street, owner's figures, \$51,535; city valuation, \$21,470; Standard Oil Engine Co., property on Seaview avenue, company valuation, \$34,000, city figure \$41,060.

HEARING POSTPONED. The hearing on the accounting of the receivers of the Dorsen Dry Goods Company was postponed until tomorrow morning on account of the inability of the New York attorneys to be present this morning.

Feeling Running Very High—Great Britain Shares in Condemnation With Wilson—Italy Stands Firmly Behind Her Delegates.

(By The Associated Press)

Although Premier Orlando has left Paris with two other members of the Italian delegation to the Peace Conference in protest against President Wilson's action in making public a statement on the Adriatic question, the latest Paris advices do not give the view that the move means a cessation of Italy's participation in the conference.

Italy, if all her delegates leave Paris, will be represented at the conference by Great Britain and France.

Meanwhile the Italian people, to whom Premier Orlando is returning appears from the Rome advices received to be standing determinedly behind her delegates at the conference. Demonstrations were held yesterday and last night in Rome and it is reported that in all the larger towns of the kingdom there have been parades in which the people have shown their approval of Premier Orlando's stand.

Feeling is running high throughout the country, according to the reports, and despatches that Great Britain shares with President Wilson the condemnation of the Italian people. The slogan "Fume or Death" is said to have been adopted. Whether Italy will occupy the disputed territories of Dalmatia and Fiume with troops, as it was indicated yesterday she might do, is not definitely known.

Efforts to find some middle ground between Premier Orlando and President Wilson continued in the city yesterday but there is no indication as to the nature of the advances made by Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau in their attempt to hold the coalition of the Allies intact.

The Council of Three held a meeting yesterday, but the expected decision relative to the rival Chinese and Japanese claims to the former German fortress of Kiao-Chau and the Shantung peninsula was apparently not reached.

Reports from Paris state that a plan dealing with the future status of the port of Danzig, claimed by Poland, has been approved. This plan creates Danzig as a free city, enjoying a complete autonomy, but still under a sort of Polish protectorate. Poland would be given the use of docks and wharves, the control of the Vistula water route and the corridor leading from the former Polish frontier to the sea.

Conditions in Hungary are, according to a report from Berlin, very grave, with a panic prevailing in Budapest. Soviet government is resorting to extreme measures in its attempt to retain its power. The Rumanian advance is continuing. French troops aiding in the movement. The Entente Allies have troops at Neoudat, on the Danube, but act as reserves for the Rumanians, the advices state. Czechoslovak troops are reported by Vienna to be attacking the city of Wlascow, 20 miles northeast of Budapest.

President Wilson has recognized the British protectorate over Egypt, and in according this recognition has deprecated violence on the part of the Egyptian nationalists, whose movement has resulted in disorders there for several weeks.

IRRECONCILABLE FEELING LESSENS COLD WAVE TO CONTINUE

Orlando May Call Italian Parliament Before May 6. Unusual Weather Will Not Change Much Before Sunday.

Washington, April 25—A general cold wave, with snow flurries and freezing temperatures, prevailed today over nearly all of the territory east of the Mississippi river.

Although no April records were broken, so far as reports received here indicated, the cold was unusual and will not begin to shade off before tomorrow and Sunday. In Ontario the temperature this morning was ten above zero and it was 20 above in state. Much crop damage was predicted, although high winds last night saved early crops from greater destruction.

With the exception of snow or rain in the lower Ohio valley and rain in Tennessee, the west portion of the middle Atlantic states and north portions of the east Gulf states, the weather will be fair tonight and Saturday, but with occasional showers.

The disturbance of yesterday was over Maine this morning and moving northeast, and storm warnings were displayed on the coast from Norfolk to Eastport, Maine.

FOUR VETERANS REGISTER TODAY MORE OF LIBERTY DIVISION HOME

Four men registered with the Welcome Home committee in the Common Council chambers at City Hall today, bringing the total number of enrollments close to the 3,000 mark. Those registering were as follows: Jack Marsden, 75 Bleeker street, corporal, Co. D, 58th Infantry, Fourth Division; Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and Argonne. Frank G. Pramuka, 225 Hough avenue, private, Battery E, 76th Field Artillery, Marne, St. Mihiel and Argonne. Frederick Bayne, colored, 30 Gilbert street, private, Depot Brigade Camp Upton, N. Y. Samuel Zelman, 1423 Stratford avenue, Aviation Field, Texas.

The Mount Vernon brought altogether 6,774 officers, men and nurses. These included 3,349 men and 339 nurses of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. Ten nurses and 510 soldiers returned convalescing from wounds or illness.

The battleship North Carolina also arrived with 1,592 troops.

Fifty-eight officers and 1,407 men of the 16th Infantry arrived on the cruiser Montana, from Brest. The steamship La Touraine, from Havre, brought 359 troops, all casualties.

LOCOMOBILE MEN TO HAVE GARDENS

Employees of the Locomobile Company are displaying great interest in gardening this year and two plots of land on Wallingford avenue have been given them by the Home Garden committee. Jerry Dahler has charge of the Victory gardeners at the Locomobile Co. plant. Other factory workers are inquiring about the use of land near their places of employment. Individuals who wish to get garden plots should make application at once to Room 10, county courthouse. The telephone number is Barnum 7911 and there is an attendant always in charge from 8:45 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily and until noon on Saturday.

Hartford, April 25—A subscription of \$1,500,000 to Victory Loan bonds was announced today by the Society for Savings of this city. This bank is the most important savings institution in Connecticut. Its subscription represents 4 per cent. of its deposits.

Died (Previously Reported). Joseph A. Horan, Terryville. Wikta Karasuk, Hartford. Joseph Kowaleski, Meriden. Wilbur Lefebvre, Norfolk. James R. Olmstead, Southbury.